Registered Charity Number: 518178

HOPE CHURCH, LANCASTER

ANNUAL REPORT AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2025

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The Board of Trustees	DJ De La Rey SJ Ehly SJ Ellershaw JLC Haxby TP Morris PB Murphy H Wilkinson NFC Wilkinson EM Wright
Principal Address	Hope Church Queen Street Lancaster LA1 1RX
Charity Registered Number	518178
Independent Examiner	M R Cornall Esq 74 Nicol Mere Drive Ashton-in-Makerfield Wigan Lancashire WN4 8DH
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Basis of preparation
Charities registered in England and Wales that are not companies are allowed under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Charities Act') to prepare receipts and payments accounts provided the charity's gross income is not over £250,000. The Charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with these provisions.

Structure, governance and management
The charity was established by trust deed dated 09/03/00 (New Scheme) and is registered with the Charity Commission, No 518178. Hope Church, Lancaster is one of a number of Free Methodist Churches in the United Kingdom Conference. The members of the Church elect the trustees on an annual basis. The Annual General Meeting is held in June each year.

Objectives and activities
Objects and aims
The object of the Hope Church, Lancaster is the furtherance, in Lancaster, of the religious and other charitable work of the Free Methodist Church of North America in accordance with the doctrines, disciplines and usages of that church for the time being as set forth in the book of discipline.

Objectives, strategies and activities
The church was established for Christian worship, prayer, Bible teaching and the preaching of the gospel. We seek to serve the local community by providing a place of prayer and worship.

Public benefit
We regularly promote and publicise our activities in the local community.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievement and Performance
Looking back over 2025 we are thankful to God for His continued provision of the gifts, tithes and offerings for His work. We count it a privilege to have been able to support many missionary societies and individuals home and overseas. We have continued to reach out into our local community with God's love and care.

Financial review
Policy on reserves
Reserves held are usually sufficient to pay on-going expenses for at least two months. Any surplus funds are transferred to interest bearing accounts. Total reserves held at the year end are £125,017 (2024 - £69,942)

Investment policy and objectives
At the present time the trustees do not have a selection policy for investment as finances are such that there are only low surplus funds.

Signed on behalf of the trustees



T P Morris
Trustee
Approved by the trustees on 29 October 2026

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

I report on the accounts of the Hope Church, Lancaster for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 4 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners' statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiners' statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Charities Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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29 October 2026

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and Legacies	87,932	76,066	**163,998**	*143,729*
Income Tax Refunds – Gift Aid	1,762	1,435	**3,197**	*1,072*
Grants	-	28,377	**28,377**	-
Charitable Activities	11,940	845	**12,785**	*13,252*
Investment Income	564	305	**869**	*603*
Other Income	9	7,555	**7,564**	*6,667*
Income Relating to Financial Year	**102,207**	**114,583**	**216,790**	*165,323*
Expenditure on:				
Charitable Activities				
Ministry Costs	62,453	50,280	**112,733**	*95,318*
Facilities	19,915	-	**19,915**	*27,181*
Capital Expenditure	4,977	254	**5,231**	*14,301*
Mission Gifts	13,196	700	**13,896**	*17,921*
Technology Costs	943	3,978	**4,921**	*5,934*
Youth and Children	459	-	**459**	*1,041*
Other Activities	-	6,529	**6,529**	*2,533*
Support Costs	4,941	1,701	**6,642**	*4,317*
Expenditure Relating to Financial Year	**106,884**	**63,442**	**170,326**	*168,546*
Net of (Payments) / Receipts Relating to the Financial Year	**(4,677)**	**51,141**	**46,464**	*(3,223)*
Income Relating to Previous Years:				
Income Tax Refunds – Gift Aid	18,055	371	**18,426**	*30,609*
Other	585	-	**585**	-
Expenditure Relating to Previous Years:				
Ministry Costs	(3,492)	(5,237)	**(8,729)**	*(9,915)*
Facilities	(54)	-	**(54)**	-
Mission Gifts	-	(1,617)	**(1,617)**	*(3,128)*
Net of Receipts Relating to Previous Years	**15,094**	**(6,483)**	**8,611**	*17,566*
Total Net of (Payments) / Receipts	**10,417**	**44,658**	**55,075**	*14,343*
Net Transfer Between Funds	*-321*	*321*	-	-
Cash and Bank Balances as at				
1 January 2025	*32,585*	*37,357*	*69,942*	*55,599*
31 December 2025	**42,681**	**82,336**	**125,017**	*69,942*

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025			*2024*
	Unrestricted Funds	**Restricted Funds**	**Total Funds**	*£*
	£	**£**	**£**	
Cash Funds				
Bank Accounts	**42,681**	**82,336**	**125,017**	*69,942*

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 29 October 2026 and are signed on their behalf by:



T P Morris
Trustee